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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: CIA Comment on NIPE Study, "The Effectiveness of ABM Collectors"

1. Your office has recently received a copy of the all-source study, "The Effectiveness of ABM Collectors," which was produced by an inter-Agency committee under the direction of D/DCI/NIPE.
2. The project was initiated in 1967 at the request of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget. It seeks to develop an objective basis for evaluating the performance of the Intelligence Community's collection programs against the Soviet ABM problem.
3. It has been suggested that the techniques used in the ABM Study could assist management in reaching decisions on the use of intelligence resources against other priority intelligence targets. You will note that recommendation 4 of the ABM Study suggests that: "The Study has demonstrated the feasibility of extending the methodology to all collectors and all intelligence objectives."
4. Before the National Intelligence Resources Board takes formal action on the ABM Study and on the possible application of its methodology to evaluate the effectiveness of other collection programs, I wish to have it reviewed by the principal members of the Intelligence Community.
5. Please prepare Agency comments on the methodology, conclusions and recommendations of the ABM Study in close consultation and coordination with DDS&T and DDP.

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